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Reptiles Care, Health and Welfare

One-day Workshop on Wed 13 June

The Natianal Museums af Kenya is pleosed ta announce a one day warkshop on the management of reptiles. The training will be held at the Invertebrate Zoology Training Labaratary at the National Museums af Kenyo, Noturol Sciences Building, Museum Hill, Nairobi.

Tapics to be covered include:

- Principles af captive management
- Health care and disease preventian
- Legol ond ethical aspects of keeping reptiles :- an international perspective and Kenyon situotion
- Biology ond Notural History
- Principles af management

Key troiners include:

- Praf. J. E. Caaper & Margaret Caoper, University of the West Indies, Trinidad
- CITIES Officer, Kenya Wildlife Service
- Herpetalagist, Natianal Museums of Kenya
- Lecturer, University of Nairobi, College af Veterinary and Animal Physialogy.

Attendance is free, but numbers will be restricted, so early registratian is recommended. For details contact Beryl at the Herpetology Dept. ar Damaris at the Snake Pork, National Museum an (20) 3742131/2/3

BIRDING IN KENYA

A BIRD TOURISM MARKETING BROCHURE FOR KENYA >>

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- BirdLife Internationol Offices ond network
- Tourism offices around the world
- Via birder friendly accammodatian establishments araund the country

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Editorial and images are also needed for this publication. If you are able to contribute please contact Catherine Ngarachu

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Red List Index to become UN development indicatory

The changing conservation status of birds and other species is to be used to track progress towards the UN's Millennium Development Goals.

The eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which range from halving extreme poverty to ensuring environmental sustainability, are targets for the year 2015 agreed by all the world's governments and development institutions

The Red List Index was initially designed and tested by BirdLife International using data on all bird species from 1988-2004, and will be the basis of a new MDG indicator. To be known as the Proportion of Species Threatened with Extinction, it will be used alongside other MDG indicators. These include the proportion of population with an income below $1 per day, the rates of infant and maternal mortality, the proportion of children in primary education, and the prevalence of diseases such as malaria. The new indicator is the only species-based indicator in the UN set.

More information: http://www.birdlife.org/news

Career Opportunity with Nature Kenya

Avitourism Project Officer

Submit your application and CV to Nature Kenya <office@naturekenya.org> no later than **4 June 2007**.

Duration: **One year contract** from 1st June 2007 to May 2008
Probationary period: **3 months**
Date of commencement: **June 2006**
Place of work: Nairobi and outside as required
Responsible to the Executive Director

Background

The Avitourism Project Officer is responsible for the successful delivery of the project "Developing a National Avi-tourism Product for Kenya" to be implemented by Nature Kenya (The East Africa Natural History Society) with funding from the EU-TTF. This project aims to enhance Kenya's potential as a bird tourism destination through targeted marketing and advanced guide training. By promoting conservation gains made at Kenya's Important Bird Areas (IBAs), the project will endeavor to create a demand for Kenya's avifauna attractions as well as enhance the visitor experience by providing a high quality visitor interpretation product through a well trained pool of professional bird guides for the country.

Full Terms of Reference for this post are available from office@naturekenya.org

Special Requirements Essential

- Degree level qualification in natural resource management or Tourism
- A minimum of 3 years relevant post-education experience in Kenya.
- Technical background including most of the following areas: project management, tourism product development, business planning, ecotourism development, institutional strengthening, training, bird-watching, customer care, public relations
- Good understanding of global, regional and national tourism and conservation issues
- Proven commitment to conservation
- Proven project management experience
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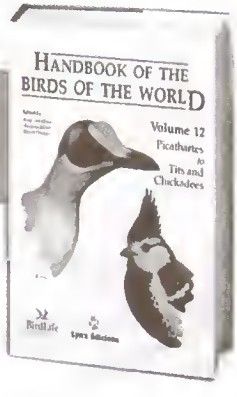

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The Evening Sky June 2007

Ian Mackay and Fleur Ng'weno

Moon, June 2007

There are two full moons this month!
1st Full moon; 8th Last quarter; 15th New moon; 22nd First quarter; 30th Full moon;

Planet magnitudes, June 2007

Mercury 0.5 (darker)
Venus -4.3 (very bright)
Mars 0.8 (brighter)
Jupiter-2.6 (brighter)
Saturn 0.5 (darker)

Planets, June 2007

Little Mercury reaches its highest position in the western sky on the evening of the 5th, after which it will be seen to fall fast day by day; come June 11th our innermost planet will be too close to the sun for viewing. Venus, however, is at a constant elevation throughout this month, a brilliant light above the sunset. Mars can be seen in the morning sky and continues to get brighter for each month of 2007. Jupiter is very bright and visible all night, rising in the east at dusk and setting in the west at dawn. Saturn begins to dip towards the west in the evenings, ahead of the constellation of Leo the lion.

June Stars

The bright star Arcturus, golden-orange in colour, is high in the north. Below it in the northwest is the constellation of the Plough or Big Dipper. Can you see this constellation as a dipper - a deep, long-handled spoon for scooping up water?

The Southern Cross, or Crux, now stands upright, low in the south. Four bright stars seem to form the tips of a Christian cross. There is a fainter star between the right-hand star and the lowest star. Two very bright stars, part of the constellation of the Centaur, point towards the cross.

The constellation of Scorpius, the scorpion, is rising in the southeast. Look for its fiery eye, the reddish star Antares.

A little later in the evening, the constellation Cygnus, the Swan, rises in the northeast. There is some interesting history attached to the stars in Cygnus. One of its stars, 61 Cygni (11 light years from us) is associated with numerous attempts since 1784 to measure the distance to the stars. It was much later when the first successful measurement was made. The methods were complex and involved observing a tiny patch of stars 6 months apart, using our position and our different position 6 months later (when we are on the other side of the sun), then calculating the differences in the stars' apparent positions. The distance to our sun had to be known with great accuracy for this work. It was considered to be 92,900,000 miles in 1901 but after careful plotting of the asteroid Eros, 30 years later, it was recalculated to be 93,003,000 miles, which has been shown to be correct today.

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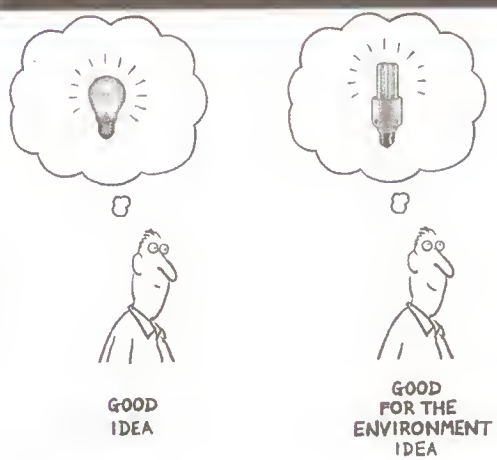

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BIRDWALKS

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIRDWALKS

Bird watching walks at sites in and around Nairobi. Meet at the National Museum car park near Langi Langi cafe, every Wednesday at 8:45 a.m. Return about 12:30 p.m. Those who are not members can get temporary membership at Ksh 100 per birdwalk, payable on arrival at the car park.

SUNDAY BIRDWATCH

Members meet at the National Museum, Nairobi car park near Langi Langi cafe at 9:00 a.m. the third Sunday of every month, **i.e. 17 JUN. '07**. The members decide where to go. Bring lunch

KINANGOP BIRDING

Friends of Kinangop Plateau organise birdwalks every third Friday of the month **i.e. 15 JUN. 07** at 9:00 a.m around Mogumu and Njombini areas. To participate contact Bakori Ng'ong'o on 0721 470215

FFJ BIRDWALK (Coast)

Friends of Fort Jesus birdwalks are held the third Saturday of each month, i.e. **16 JUN. '07**. Please call Marlene Reid on 2491648 or 0720 949195 to confirm

ARABUKO-SOKOKE (Coast)

The Saturday birdwatch with the Arabuko Sokoke Forest Guides Association is on the first Saturday of each month i.e. **2 JUN. '07, at 6:30 a.m.** from the Visitor Centre, Gede. Cost 100/- per person. KWS fees now apply (100/- Citizens, 500/- Residents)

LAKE VICTORIA SUNSET BIRDERS (Kisumu)

The Lake Victoria Sunset Birders organise bird walks at sites in and around Kisumu every Friday of the month. For further details call 057 42952 or 0734 994938 or email lakevictoriasunsetbirders@yahoo.co.uk

MT KENYA BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION GROUP (MKBCG)

The MKBCG organise bird walks to sites around Naro Moru every last Saturday of the month i.e. **30 JUN.'07**.

For more information contact 0722 364904, 0733 937115 or 062 62071 Email: mt_kebio@yahoo.co.uk

MARURA NAROK BIRDWATCHERS

A community group near Uaso Narok Swamp, Rumuruti, which organises birdwalks every last Saturday i.e. **30 JUN. '07**. Call 062 32718 or email olmaisor@africaonline.co.ke

TREE WALKS

Guided tree walks in the Arboretum on the second Saturday and last Monday, i.e. **9** and **25 JUN 07** from 9:30 a.m. Meet at the Arboretum gate. Those who are not members of FONA or Nature Kenya pay Ksh 100/- fee on arrival at the gate.

BIRD RINGING

Meet at the Museums' Nairobi Botanic Garden, at 7:00 a.m. every Thursday.

NGONG ROAD FOREST WALKS

Ngong Road Forest Sanctuary Trust nature walks held the first and third Saturdays of the month i.e. **2 & 16 JUN '07, at 9:00 a.m.** Meet at the stairs leading to the Restaurant at the Racecourse. Call Ignatius to confirm on 3875207 or 0720 976299.

SAMAKI DAYS

Guided fish excursions on the first Thursday, i.e. 7 **JUN '07** from 9:00 a.m - 12:30 p.m. Meet at the Nairobi Museum car park. Pay Ksh 50/- per person on arrival

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